Setting Security Permissions in Windows NT

Setting Permissions

Setting permissions to folders and files within Windows NT will allow the owner (creator) to control *whom*, and what *type* of access is granted. Security in Windows NT is based on implicit and explicit permissions, and can prove be a complex issue. Describing in detail how Windows NT Security works is beyond the scope of this Job Aid. In an effort to minimize length and complexity, this Job Aid is modeled to set permissions to a folder or file in a public directory. The principle is the same regardless of location. *The chart on the last page of this Job Aid describes the different types of access permissions.*

Step	Action	
1.	From the desktop open Common Folders .	
2.	Open the Public folder	
3.	Right Click on the File Name or Folde r that you wish to set permissions too.	
4.	Select Properties from the menu list.	
5.	Select the Security tab.	
6.	Select the Permissions button.	
7.		
	If	Then
	You are setting directory permissions	Determine if you wish to change permissions to sub-directories (folders) and/or existing files within the directory (folder).
		Select the appropriate Check Boxes
	You are setting permissions to 1 particular file	Move on to the next step.

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If	Then
You wish to Change existing permissions	Go to the section labeled Change Permissions.
You wish to add permissions	Move to the section labeled Adding Users / Permissions
You wish to remove permissions	Move to the section labeled Removing Users / Permissions.

Change Permissions

This section will guide you through the steps required to change (replace) existing permissions for a directory (folder) or file.

Step	Action	
9.	In the Name field of the Permissions dialogue box, Double-Click on the Name you wish to change permissions too. The Special Access dialogue box will open.	
10.	Select the desired options . Check ALL that apply. <i>Use the chart on the last page if this Job Aid as a guide to the various options</i> .	
11.	Select OK.	
12.	In the Permissions dialogue box, select OK .	
13.	In the Properties dialogue box, select OK or close the window.	

Add Users / Permissions

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This section will guide you through the steps required to add users and permissions for a directory (folder) or file.

Step	Action	
1.	Select the Add button. The Add Users and Groups dialogue box will open.	
2.	Select the Search button.	

3. In the Find Account dialogue box, type in the Account Name of the person you wish to add. *Note*: The account is based on the users SWIII log-in name. For example: The user to add is John Doe. John's account name (how he logs into the system) is Jdoe. Hence, you would type **Jdoe** into the field. The Account Name must be an EXACT match, or the search function will not locate the account. 4. If... Then... You know the Domain the You can narrow the search by user is located in... clicking on the name of that domain to highlight it. You do not know the Simply move on to the next Domain the user is located step. in... 5. Select the **Search** button. The User Name will appear in the Search Results field. 6. If... Then... The correct name Move on to the **next step**.

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Select the **Cancel** button and

return to step 2.

7.		
	If	Then
	You wish to add more names	Click inside the Find User or Group field and delete the name. Repeat steps 3 through 6.
	You have all the names you wish to add to the list of permissions	Move on to the next step.
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8.	Highlight all the names in the Search Results field by holding down the Shift key, and selecting each name in the list. Any name that is not highlighted WILL NOT be added.	
9.	Select the <u>Add</u> button. The Find Account dialogue box will close, and the selected names will show in the Add Names field of the Add Users and Groups dialogue box.	
10.	In the Add Users and Groups Dialogue box, Select the Type of Access dropdown list.	
11.	Select the desired type of access from the list of choices. <i>Use the chart on the last page if this Job Aid as a guide to the various options</i> .	
12.	Select the OK button.	
13.	In the Permissions dialogue box, select OK .	
14.	In the Properties dialogue box, select OK or Close the window.	

Remove Users / Permissions

This section will guide you through the steps required to remove users and permissions for a directory (folder) or file.

Step	Action
1.	Highlight the Users Name from the list in the \underline{N} ame field. (One click of the left mouse button).
2.	Select the Remove button.

3.		
	If	Then
	You wish to remove more Users	Repeat Steps 1 and 2.
	You are finished removing Users	Move on to the next step.
4.	In the Permissions dialogue box, select OK .	
5.	In the Properties dialogue box, select OK or Close the window.	

Special Access **Directory** Permissions

You can set the following individual directory permissions when creating special access permission for directories:

Read (R): Allows viewing the names of files and subdirectories.

Write (W): Allows adding files and subdirectories.

Execute (X): Allows changing to subdirectories in the directory.

Delete (D): Allows deleting the directory.

Change Permissions (P): Allows changing the directory's permissions.

Take Ownership (O): Allows taking ownership of the directory.

Special Access **File** Permissions

You can set the following individual file permissions when creating special access permission for files:

Read (R): Allows viewing the file's data.

Write (W): Allows changing the file's data.

Execute (X): Allows running the file if it is a program file.

Delete (D): Allows deleting the file.

Change Permissions (P): Allows changing the file's permissions.

Take Ownership (O): Allows taking ownership of the file